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1. German PWs from a camp at Azov Bataisk employed in the Rostov shipyards, were promised quick release from captivity if they would agree to train Soviet naval personnel in the use of repaired German torpedo boats for six months. This promise was not kept, however, and only sick PWs were released.
2. In addition to the German boats, eighty Russian torpedo boats similar to the German model had been constructed in the Rostov yards by the end of May 1947. The Soviet boat, eighteen meters long, is equipped with two torpedo tubes, port and starboard, plus a 20 mm rapid-fire AA gun. Various parts of the diesel engine are supplied by plants in Kharkov and Nikolayev. There is a crew of fifteen. Five weeks are required for the construction of each boat. Capacity of the Rostov yards permits simultaneous construction of four such boats.
3. Soviet naval personnel trained in the use of the torpedo boats are said to exceed the number required to man existing boats. It was rumored that these sailors were to be sent to Poti.
4. Construction of the boats was continuing at the end of May, but there was no indication that the Rostov yards would be enlarged.

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